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GEN. SHELBY WILL DIE.  
Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 8.—Gen. Jo Shelby's condition is unchanged. He may live another twenty-four hours, but the physicians state they would not be surprised at a collapse at any moment. His mental faculties have apparently left him. He scarcely recognizes any person, and fails to respond to any questions.

## SWEPT BY A RAGING SEA.

### Four Men Killed on the Navy's Big Cruisers.

ADMIRAL BUNCE'S SQUADRON ENCOUNTERS A TERRIFIC STORM ON THE WAY TO THE CHARLESTON CELEBRATION AND ALL THE SHIPS ARE MORE OR LESS DAMAGED—MANY MEN WERE INJURED.

Charleston, Feb. 8.—The United States warships New York, Maine, Columbia, Amphitrite, and Marblehead are off Charleston bar to-day after a terrible experience with the storm which swept up the South Atlantic coast Friday and Saturday.

The cruiser Columbia and the battleship Maine were sighted from Sullivan's Island early in the forenoon and the flagship New York, monitor Amphitrite and the cruiser Marblehead steamed into view later, the flagship being the last of the squadron to reach anchorage to the north of Charleston lightship.

All five of the vessels are now at anchor about two miles off the bar. Admiral Bunce's fleet ran straight into the teeth of a terrific storm Friday night.

The warships were forty miles off the North Carolina coast and well before Hatteras, and while the officers are as usual unwilling to discuss their experiences, it is known that both ships and men were in great peril. When the fleet was visited by a reporter of the Associated Press it was learned that the actual loss consisted of four lives, eight men seriously injured and minor injuries to almost all of the vessels themselves.

The battleship Maine had six of her men swept overboard, three of them losing their lives. The Marblehead lost one man killed and six injured. The killed on the Maine were: L. C. Kogel, apprentice, dashed to death against turret and body lost at sea; John Brown, seaman, washed overboard, body not recovered; A. B. Nelson, private United States marines, washed overboard and drowned, body lost. The Marblehead lost the ship's carpenter, Strawhat, who was dashed to death by the sea. His body was saved and buried at sea on Sunday. Seven of the carpenter's gang, who were at work on the superstructure of the ship by the sea and more or less injured. Their names are: Dennis Ryan, Chas. Osborne, Scanland and Ricker. Ricker sustained a compound fracture of the skull and his condition is serious. Arrangements have been made for placing all the injured in the Marine Hospital here and they will be transferred from their ships to the shore to-morrow.

The New York, the Columbia, the Amphitrite and the Maine were off the coast below Hatteras and about forty miles out when the storm began to gather Friday night. The admiral signalled from the New York for the ships to stand together. The storm was blowing from the south-east. It steadily increased during the night and the four ships were separated. So heavily did the New York roll that the big 8 inch guns in the turrets were lashed down with heavy hawsers as a precaution.

During the storm a heavy sea rolled over stern and the aft companion way was flooded with water, which went down into the officers' quarters. The gun ports and torpedo tubes also let the water in; there was plenty of water inside.

Boatswain Wm. Anderson, while on the forward deck, was struck from his feet by a sea and injured by being dashed aft. Naval Cadet Castleman, while on the forward quarter deck, also lost his footing and was about to go over the side when he managed to seize a life line and saved his own life.

When the sea was shipped astern the sounding apparatus was knocked to flinders and one of the officers nearly dashed over the side. When the morning came the Maine was sighted and spoken. The battleship, it is believed, had the most trying experience of the fleet. Friday night Apprentice Kosel was struck by a terrible sea and his life dashed out of him. The rushing waters carried his body overboard. Two men jumped after him as he was being carried away. They were Seamen John Brown and Alex. Nelson.

In trying to save their messmate they lost their lives, for they, too, were carried out into the mountains of black water. Chas. Hassell was washed overboard at the same time.

When these four men went overboard Wm. J. Creelman, a landsman, was standing on the poop deck. He saw the upturned face of Kosel floating by. Creelman dove over the stern and struck out to save him. In the meantime two life buoys had been thrown over. Hassell got one of them. The other three men disappeared, and the brave Creelman was struggling far from the buoy intended for him. Hassell saw him and reached him in time to save his life.

The Maine was brought around in the storm and a lifeboat lowered from the starboard. Naval Cadet Gherardi was put in command of six men. The boat got only a few yards from the ship when she was overturned and seven more men were in the water. The men were reached with life lines. The lifeboat was lost, as were one or more of the ship's boats. These were all torn from their davits by the heavy seas.

The Amphitrite, the Maine, the Columbia and the Marblehead were sighted in the morning. The Marblehead was laboring heavily and had out her oil bags. Grave fears had been entertained for the Amphitrite, but she rode out the gale and as far as can be learned lost no lives.

On board the Maine a board of inquiry reported on the loss of three men. They highly commended Creelman's brave attempt to rescue Kosel. He will be recommended for a life-saver's medal of the first class.

The Columbia, Marblehead and Amphitrite came down the coast together after the storm. The reason the New York did not arrive until this evening is explained by the fact that she turned back and went almost to Hatteras looking for the monitor.

The Marblehead came up to the city this evening, and arrangements were made for putting her injured sailors in the marine hospital here. Exactly what amount of injury the various vessels themselves sustained during the storm cannot be stated. The officers say that their ships behaved splendidly, but it was evident, even to a casual observer, that the vessels had received rough usage at the hands of the hurricane. It is practically certain, however, that none of them have been seriously injured.

It is not probable that the maneuvers will be seriously interfered with or retarded by the terrible experience through which the fleet has passed.

TROUBLES ACCUMULATING.

A Pennsylvania Trust Company in Severe Financial Straight.

West Chester, Pa., Feb. 8.—The financial difficulties of the Chester County Guarantee Trust and Deposit Company are increasing. The company some time ago found itself in financial straits, with liabilities estimated at \$800,000 and assets at \$1,000,000. These assets, however, are mostly in Western mortgages, and such investments cannot be realized on except at a loss.

The company made a proposition to its depositors to accept bonds for their deposits, to run ten years, and to pay 3 per cent. interest. Some of the larger depositors who are stockholders did not take kindly to this proposition, and to-day filed a bill in equity in court asking for the appointment of a receiver for the company.

The court will hear argument on the application on Friday next. The company holds \$60,000 of State funds on deposit.

VICTORY FOR THE BRUISERS.

Supreme Court of New York Upholds Fistic Carnival.

New York, Feb. 8.—By Justice Gaynor's decision handed down in the supreme court, at Brooklyn, to-day, the Greater New York Athletic Club, of Coney Island, secured a permanent injunction restraining Mayor Wurstler from interfering with the exhibitions of the club at the Coney Island.

The justice holds, in conformity with the decision in the case of the Seaside Athletic Club against Mayor Schieren, that the mayor has authority to issue the license, and that any interference for violation of the law must come from the police.

The fight in which Mayer knocked out O'Donnell in a single round on Christmas day, 1896, was held the day after the club was licensed. On Police Captain Clayton's report that the law had been violated by a brutal exhibition the mayor revoked the license on December 25. The justice holds that Captain Clayton should have made arrests for whatever violation he observed.

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SUED BY HER MAID.

Richmond Feb. 8.—Mrs. L. B. Dowden, formerly maid to Miss Grace Arents, niece of Major Lewis Ginter, of the Allen & Ginter branch of the American Tobacco Company, has entered suit against Miss Arents and Major Ginter for \$25,000. The trouble grew out of the loss of a piece of jewelry belonging to Miss Arents, the discharge of Mrs. Dowden and a search of the latter's trunks. Mrs. Dowden charges that the defendants used slanderous and insulting language to her.

REDUCTION OF OUTPUT.

Biddeford, Me., Feb. 8.—The management of the Pepperell and Laconia Mills to-day announced the contemplated curtailment of production in accord with the agreement with some other cotton factories of New England. There will be a reduction of 400,000 pounds in the product of the Biddeford mills between now and May. Fifty thousand spindles will be run one-third, but all others on full time.

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SERIOUS TIMES EXPECTED.

Athens, Feb. 8.—Advices received here to-day from Cana say that the Greek squadron has arrived at that place and that upon arriving it failed to salute the Turkish flag according to custom. The officer in command of the British warships at Cana paid a visit to the commander of the Greek vessels immediately upon their arrival. The dispatches also say that the Christians and Musselmans at Retimo, Crete, are massing in opposition to one another and making all preparations for the battle.

STILL CRITICALLY ILL.

Washington, Feb. 8.—Senator Harris passed a comfortable day, but does not gain strength very fast. He is still critically ill.

MOVEMENT OF THE SHIPS.

Washington, Feb. 8.—The battleship Massachusetts dropped down from the navy yard to Tompkinsville yesterday and will proceed directly to join Admiral Bunce of Charleston. The Dolphin left Beaufort for Charleston. The Newark left Palm Beach, Fla., yesterday on her way to St. John's, where she is due to-day. She will go to Port Royal Wednesday.

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## AGAINST OPEN SESSIONS.

### Many Senators Vote Against Mr. Hill's Motion.

THE TREATY WILL BE DEBATED AND CONSIDERED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION ALONE—THE SENATE OVERRIDES A PRESIDENTIAL VETO—MR. MILLS VENTS HIS SPLEEN AGAINST MR. CLEVELAND—TELLERS APPOINTED IN THE HOUSE.

Washington, Feb. 8.—Practically the whole of to-day's session of the Senate took place behind closed doors; the question under consideration being the Anglo-American arbitration treaty.

During the morning, before the motion to proceed to executive business was made by Mr. Sherman, of Ohio, chairman of the committee on foreign relations, the Senate indulged in an exhibition of its utter disregard for the reasons assigned by President Cleveland for withholding his approval from a bill passed by both houses. It was a bill creating a new judicial district in Texas. The United States judge, district attorney, marshal and clerk had reported to the Department of Justice that the proposed legislation was not only unnecessary, but that it would be a serious interruption to the business of the court, and on that report the President had acted in vetoing the bill.

He was roundly taken to task by Mr. Mills, of Texas, for having consulted these officials instead of consulting the two Senators and thirteen representatives from the State of Texas.

Remarkably enough, however, Mr. Hoar, of Massachusetts, found "very strong, good, and honest reasons for the President's action," but still favored the bill in the interest of the people living in the country embraced in the new district. When it came to a vote Calfery voted against the bill, while there were fifty-seven Senators voting to pass it, notwithstanding the President's objection.

A concurrent resolution for the withdrawal of a bill from the President on account of the discovery of a substantial mistake in it led Mr. Hill, of New York, to question the constitutionality of such a proposition; and the matter went over for further consideration.

Mr. Sherman moved an executive session a few minutes after 1 o'clock, after conclusion of the morning business, and the doors were closed.

Mr. Hill at once made a motion that the doors be opened and the debate to proceed in the presence of the public. He spoke of the ridiculousness of the debate upon a matter the text of which was well known, not only the text, but the proposed amendments. The motion was antagonized not only upon parliamentary grounds but for the reason that it would be against public policy for such proceedings to be permitted.

Mr. Gray, of Delaware, was the first speaker to antagonize the motion of the Senator from New York. Senator Gray was followed by Senators Lodge and Sherman, who likewise opposed the motion of Senator Hill. Both these members of the foreign relations committee took the broad ground that such a proceeding was against the established precedents of the Senate, and if it were agreed to, could only lead to ill results.

Treaties were solemn compacts with other powers, and whatever was said in the consideration of their merits or demerits ought to be said behind closed doors. If there was to be criticism it ought not to be in public places, where the heat of debate might lead to the utterance of sentiments that might be prejudicial to the friendliness now existing between the two nations.

In the course of his remarks Mr. Lodge said that so far as his personal interests were concerned he would favor an open session, for the reason that it would enable him to show his constituents and the country just what he desired with regard to this treaty; but when he considered the subject from the standpoint of what was best for the country he saw very clearly that a closed session was not only desirable but imperative. Open doors meant endless debate, and what he wanted was action. He did not wish to see this treaty debated to death. As amended and reported to the Senate he favored it, and favored such course as would lead to its ratification by the Senate.

Mr. Morgan also antagonized the motion of Mr. Hill. He began his speech with the statement that he supposed an immediate vote would be taken, but fifteen minutes after this statement was made there was no indication of an approaching conclusion of the speech of the Senator from Alabama. Mr. Morgan took grounds similar to those which the preceding speakers had taken.

Mr. Stewart, of Nevada, made a vigorous speech in favor of an open session. While he did not say so in words, the inference was drawn from his remarks that he desired such a session for the reason that it would be conducive to the defeat of the treaty.

Mr. Hill again took the floor and made a brief speech for his motion and was replied to by Mr. Sherman, who made a final appeal to Senators not to open the doors on such an important matter as was now before the Senate. The vote

was then taken and resulted in an overwhelming majority in favor of closed doors.

The votes cast in favor of open session were Brown, of Utah; Hill, of New York; Lindsay, of Kentucky; Pepper, of Kansas; Roach, of North Dakota; Stewart, of Nevada; Tillman, of South Carolina, and Teller, of Colorado.

The consideration of the treaty on its merits was then begun and lasted until 5:35 p. m. when the Senate adjourned until to-morrow.

IN THE HOUSE.

To-day's session of the House of Representatives was taken up almost wholly in the consideration of business relating to the District of Columbia.

The copy of the returns of the votes of the several States for Presidential electors which the law directs shall be sent to the Speaker, were laid before the House and will remain on the table until the official canvass of the vote is made on Wednesday.

Mr. Terry, of Arkansas, asked if there was a report from all the States and Speaker Reed replied that he believed there was; that under the law one copy was sent to the President of the Senate and one to the Speaker of the House.

Mr. Talbert, of South Carolina, endeavored to get before the House a concurrent resolution of the legislature of his State favoring Cuban recognition, but objection was made to its reading and to printing it in the Record. Mr. Talbert was compelled to content himself with a reference of the resolution to committee on foreign affairs.

The Speaker appointed Grosvenor, of Ohio, and Richardson, of Tennessee, tellers to count the electoral vote.

The second agreement of the conference committee on the immigration bill was presented to the House by Mr. Danford, of Ohio, who gave notice that he would call it up for action to-morrow.

At 5:10 o'clock the House adjourned.

THE SUSPENSE KILLED HIM.

A North Carolina Negro Sent to Eternity for Committing Burglary.

Charlotte, N. C., Feb. 8.—Monroe Johnson, colored, was hanged in the county jail in this city at 11:15 this morning.

His neck was broken by the fall, and he was pronounced dead within eleven minutes.

He was convicted of the burglary of the home of J. A. Shields on the night of January 8, 1895. Miss Shields was awakened by some one fumbling over her bed. On making an outcry she was shot at twice and thrown over a trunk. Going down stairs the escaping burglar shot and wounded Mr. Shields. The latter recognized the voice and identified the face as that of Monroe Johnson. Efforts were made to get the governor to interfere, but he refused to do so.

Johnson's last words on the scaffold were that he was innocent.

AT REQUIEM MASS.

Rome, Feb. 8.—The Pope to-day attended a requiem mass for the repose of the soul of Pope Pius IX. His Holiness appeared to be in his usual state of health and spoke in a strong voice as he pronounced absolution at the conclusion of services.

## EARLY SPRING BUDS.

WE'VE SOME BEAUTIFUL SPRING PATTERNS OF FANCY BLOOMING SHIRTS ON SALE TO-DAY. THE FIRST OF THE SEASON. COME ALONG AND BRIGHTEN UP A BIT. GILKESON & TAYLOR.

## COURT PROCEEDINGS.

Richmond, Feb. 8.—Following are to-day's State supreme court of appeals proceedings:

Washington and Southern Railroad Company vs. Lacey; argued by Francis L. Smith for plaintiff in error; and Edmund Burke for defendant in error; and continued until to-morrow.

Next cases to be called are Ballou vs. Ballou, No. 59, and Bolton et al. vs. Velts, No. 60.

The United States court of appeals was in session to-day. The first case called for argument was No. 206, Geo. Taylor, claimant of Tug Hercules, appellant, vs. W. W. Crossley, master of schooner Robert Morgan, appellee; appeal from district court of Norfolk. Cause argued by Robert M. Hughes, of Norfolk, for appellant and by Floyd Hughes, of Norfolk, for appellee and submitted.

LUNENBERG'S TREASURER DEAD.

Richmond, Feb. 8.—Islam T. Bagley, treasurer of Lunenburg county, and one of the most successful tobacco growers in that county, died Sunday night of pneumonia, aged 46 years.

## NAVAL ORDERS.

Washington, Feb. 8.—Commodore Dewey, Commander Brownson, Naval Constructor Hanscom, Passed Assistant Engineer Kaemmerling and Lieut. Staunton have been detailed to meet at Bristol, R. I., to-morrow and make a speed trial of torpedo boat No. 6.

## NAVAL CADET DEAD.

Washington, Feb. 8.—A telegram to the Navy Department announces the death of Naval Cadet Chas. A. Walker, at Taunton, Mass., yesterday. Cadet Walker was invalided home from the cruiser Minneapolis.

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## A CARD.

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J. P. COON, Collector.

## BIG SALE IN DRY GOODS

### A Speculator Buys \$961,000 Worth of Goods.

A TRANSACTION OF LARGE DIMENSIONS AT FALL RIVER, MASS.—WILL PROBABLY HAVE THE EFFECT OF BOOMING THE MILLS IN THAT STATE, AND WILL HAVE A STIMULATING EFFECT ON THE GENERAL TRADE.

Fall River, Mass., Feb. 8.—M. C. D. Borden came into the market this morning and purchased 750,000 pieces of goods, 500,000 spots, and 250,000 futures, at 29-16 cents. This represents the largest sale of print cloths in many months, and its effect upon the market is awaited with interest. It will undoubtedly make the market higher, but it is generally thought that it will have little or no effect on the curtailment situation.

New York, Feb. 8.—The purchase of 750,000 pieces of print cloth by M. C. D. Borden at Fall River to-day, announced in a dispatch from that place to the Southern Associated Press, is a most important one. Although the sale was not announced until to-day it is probable that the arrangement under which it was made was concluded at least two weeks ago, while Fall River mill men were canvassing for signers to the curtailment agreement now in force. The stock of print cloths unsold and held by the Fall River, Providence and other Eastern mills, has been steadily increasing.

On January 1, last year, the stock of weaves, known as sixty four squares, was nearly 900,000 pieces. Last Saturday the stock was said to have decreased to 720,000 pieces. Numerous plans were discussed for further reduction of the surplus stock, and finally partial curtailment was agreed on.

An agreement was signed by which 3,500,000 spindles are to remain idle two days in each week for thirteen weeks, or their equivalent. Among the mills signing this was the Fall River Iron Works Company mill, controlled by the Borden interests. Being himself a party to the curtailment plan, it is reasonable to suppose that Mr. Borden will now insist on it now being carried out as arranged. His purchase of 750,000 pieces has, therefore, a stimulating effect on the market in which he will participate.

The cloth purchased represents a cash value of \$961,000. It is understood that the cloths have been purchased for the American Printing Company works, which have a capacity of between 75,000 and 80,000 pieces per week.

Mr. Heineman, prominent print cloth broker, said to-day in commenting on the sale, that it had been of vast importance to the market. There had been an instant rallying of the buyers in the Eastern markets, and it was reasonable to suppose that print cloths would advance very materially before March. The sale provided a ready relief for the present stock embarrassment.

## A RECEIVER APPOINTED.

Richmond, Feb. 8.—By order of James C. Lamb, judge of the chancery court of this city, Leigh R. Page was to-day appointed receiver for the State of Virginia of the Southern Mutual Building and Loan Association, of Atlanta, Ga.

## A SCHOONER ASHORE.

Baltimore, Feb. 8.—The oyster schooner Itaska was driven ashore late Saturday night on Lewis island, Chesapeake bay, during a heavy gale. Captain Taylor and his crew of nine men waded ashore and were brought to Baltimore to-day on the steamer Avonon. It is thought the Itaska is not seriously injured.

## HAVE GIVEN SECURITY.

New York, Feb. 8.—Counsel for General Carlos Roloff and Senor Jose Luis, who have been indicted for conspiracy in aiding a filibustering expedition to Cuba from Baltimore in 1895, has waived all formalities for their clients' removal from this city and they have given security for their appearance for trial in Baltimore February 16.

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